1992-93 which will facilitate augmentation of junction on a large number of routes.

(iii) Phasing out of electro-mechanical exchanges during the 8th Plan period.

**Vijayanagar Steel Plant**

2010. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far by the Union Government and the Karnataka Government on the Vijayanagar steel plant; and

(b) when the proposed steel plant is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) and (b). The Union Government has spent around Rs. 12 crores on the Vijayanagar Steel Project. However, an investment decision on this project could not be taken by the Union Government due to resource constraints.

The Karnataka Government has also proposed to set up a steel plant at the same location in the joint sector. Information regarding the amount spent by the State Government on the project and the commissioning schedule has not been received from the State Government.

**Performance of News Readers of Doordarshan, Air and Sports Commentators**

2011. SHRI Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a committee to review the performances of news readers of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the findings of the committee and the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose to have a similar committee for reviewing the performances of news readers of AIR.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor:

(e) whether Government are also contemplating to review the performance of sports commentators whose performances have not been upto the mark; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AID BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

(e) There is already a regular system of evaluating the performance of sports commentators.

(f) Does not arise.

**Ahmedabad Airport as International Airport**

2012. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Ahmedabad Airport as an international airport; and

(b) if so, by when the international flights are likely to be operated?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION